

INSPIRATION OF THE COUNTY FAIR

By Peter Radford.

When you enter the agricultural department of the county fair, you feel your soul uplifted and your life takes on a new power—that is the inspiration of the soil. You are overpowered by the grandeur and magnificence of the scene—that is the spirit of the harvest. You can hear the voice of nature calling you back to the soil—that is opportunity knocking at your door. It is a good chance to spend a quiet hour in contact with the purity and perfection of nature and to sweeten your life with its fragrance, elevate your ideals with its beauty and expand your imagination with its power.

These products as food are fit for the gods, and as an article of commerce they ought to bring tip-top prices on any market in the world.

The products of the soil are teachers and preachers as well. Their beauty gives human life its first entertainment, their perfection stirs the genius in artists; their purity furnishes models for growth of character and their marvelous achievements excite our curiosity and we inquire into the wonderful process of nature.

Before leaving the parlor of agriculture where nature is parading in her most graceful attire and science is climbing the dizzy heights of perfection, let us pause and take a retrospective view. How many of you know that after these wonderful products are raised, they can seldom be marketed at a profit? Take the blushing Elberta, for example—they were fed to the hogs by the carload last year. The onion—the nation's favorite vegetable—every year rots by the acre in the Southwest for want of a market and as a result hundreds of farmers have lost their homes. Cotton—nature's capitalist—often goes begging on the market at less than cost of production.

It is great to wander through the exhibits while the band is playing "Dixie" and boast of the marvelous fertility of the soil and pride ourselves on our ability to master science, but it is also well to remember that there is a market side to agriculture that does not reflect its hardships in the exhibits at a county fair.

POLITICAL GOSSIPS

When one class of people has anything to say, it has become largely the custom to make a political issue out of it instead of a friendly discussion, to print it in a law book instead of a newspaper and to argue it before a jury instead of to settle it in the higher courts of Common Sense. As a result, political agitators, political lawyers, political preachers and masculine women are powerful in politics and dissension, selfishness, intolerance and hysterics run rampant in public affairs, for when the low, damp, murky atmosphere of misunderstanding envelops public thought, it breeds political reptiles, vermin, bugs and lice which the pure air of truth and the sunshine of understanding will choke to death.

We have too many self-appointed interpreters of industry who are incapable of grasping the fundamental principles of business and who at best can only translate gossip and add color to sensational stories. No business can stand upon error and might rules—right or wrong. No industry can thrive upon misunderstanding, for public opinion is more powerful than a King's sword.

When prejudice, suspicion and class hatred prevail, power gravitates into the hands of the weak, for demagogues thrive upon dissension and statesmen sicken upon strife.

The remedy lies in eliminating the middleman—the political gossip—and this result can be accomplished by the managers of business sitting around the table of industry and talking it over with the people. Interchange of information between industries and the people is as necessary to success in business as interchange in commodities, for the people can only rule when the public understands. Away with political interpreters who summon evil spirits from their prison cells and loose them to prey upon the welfare of the people in the name of "My Country."

PHILIP

Philip, the Macedonian king, while drowsy with wine was trying a case and the prisoner after sentence was pronounced, exclaimed, "I appeal." "And to whom do you appeal?" inquired the astonished monarch. "I appeal from Philip drunk to Philip sober," replied the prisoner, and the king granted the request and at a rehearing gave the prisoner his liberty.

The people drowsy with the wine of discord oftentimes pronounce a verdict on public questions which they reverse in their more calm and deliberate moments. The next best thing to making no mistakes is to correct them.

To Enjoy Prosperity,
To rejoice in the prosperity of his
own is to rejoice in it.

State Highway Board To Conduct Road Week.

The State Highway Board will provide for a "Road Week" to be held in Jefferson City similar to "Farmers' Week" at Columbia. Instruction in the different methods of road building and maintenance will be provided. Experienced engineers will lecture on various types of construction while moving pictures and slides will illustrate what is now being accomplished in Missouri and other states. All road overseers, county highway engineers and County Judges in the state, as well as all good road enthusiasts, will be invited to attend. In suggesting the "Road Week" and adoption of the plan, A. C. McKibbin, secretary of the State Highway Board, pointed out that practically 90 per cent of the public highways in Missouri are dirt roads, and in traveling over the state he found so many different methods of working these roads that the necessity of providing a uniform system was apparent. A change of road overseers often means a complete change in the method of construction or maintenance. In one county a road overseer ordered rock hauled from a road which his predecessor had placed there at great expense. A query box and general discussion each day will give everyone who attends "Road Week" an opportunity to be heard. If possible arrangements will be made for an exhibit of road machinery, supplies, etc., and demonstrations of grading with modern equipment on some of the earth roads near Jefferson City may be provided. Each county in the state will be asked to bring a series of pictures of roadways, bridges, etc., and these will be arranged in attractive display.

Farmers' Week News.

Jefferson City, Mo., January 6.—The "Missouri Farmers' Week and State War Conference" opens in Columbia, at the University, Monday night, January 14th, ending on Friday night, The Missouri Council of Defense joins with the State Board and College of Agriculture.

Monday night, Hon. Carl Vrooman of the United States Department of Agriculture, Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones of Wisconsin ("Aunt Nellie" of the Country Gentleman), and Oliver Wilson, Master of the National Grange, will speak.

Tuesday night—Dean C. F. Curtis of Iowa State College, on "Agriculture in South America;" Dean John Lee Coulter of West Virginia, on "Cooperation Among Farmers;" Herbert Hoover, National Food Administrator. Wednesday night—State War Conference program furnished by the Federal Government and National Council of Defense; Hon. James K. Lane of California, United States Secretary of the Interior; Sir Frederick E. Smith, Attorney-General of Great Britain.

Thursday night—Gov. Frederick D. Gardner, Dr. G. C. Creelman, President of Ontario Agricultural College of Canada, and Ernest Harold Baynes, the naturalist.

Friday night—The Farmers' Banquet.

So the People May Know.

(Kansas City Post.)

At last Col. Theodore Roosevelt is out in the open—all his camouflage torn away, all his fervid protests of patriotism swept away by his desire to implant in the hearts of people of the United States a distrust of President Wilson.

In to-day's Kansas City Star, which he chose months ago as the instrument through which he would begin his campaign for the presidency, he, for the first time, accuses President Wilson of being responsible for a condition in army and training camps which, if true, were well calculated to plant fear in the heart of every mother and father who has a son in khaki, to arouse in every cantonment a spirit of unrest and rebellion.

By suggestion he would have the people believe that every camp is a pestilential spot, every youth stricken with disease, every boy unclothed, every soldier sent to Europe unarmed.

"I do not dwell on these facts to blame anybody," is his vain effort to cover up the real purpose of his reiteration of charges in which he names President Wilson—a purpose so thinly veiled that all may read, a purpose to discredit every action of the president, even though he weakens the forces of this nation and divide the people into hostile camps.

His charges are but variations of every German life that has been spread in this country since war was declared.

That Colonel Roosevelt chooses for the organ of distribution of his propaganda of distrust of the president, of disruption of national spirit, of disorganization of the nation's loyalty, a paper whose general manager was so lately a subject of the Kaiser, that the ink is scarcely dry upon his naturalization papers may or may not be significant. The cold-blooded Colonel Roosevelt cannot forgive

President Wilson for being President. He cannot forgive the people for electing Wilson. He cannot refrain in this hour of crisis from attempting to divide the people in their loyalty and their war purpose in order that he may again become the president and give to Major General Wood the command which Pershing has. That this daily diatribe is circulated from this city is a matter of shame to the city that has stood foremost in every patriotic movement, first in its undivided support to the war, to Liberty Loans, to the Red Cross, to the volunteer forces. For certain it is that were the Kaiser himself given free editorial rein in this country, were Bernstorff back with his plottings and his subsidy of newspapers, they would pen to-day the very same article which Col. Roosevelt sends broadcast through the Kansas City Star.

Has the hour come when the people of the United States will desert the American Eagle for the croakings of the raven?

Use Sorghum Instead of Sugar for Meat Cure.

Folks who like sugar cured meat may save sugar and develop a sugar cure flavor by using sorghum. This is a suggestion made by P. F. Trowbridge of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. Plain salt or pepper may be used in curing the meat. After the meat is smoked the sugar cure flavor may be developed by smearing the meat thoroughly with sorghum. Wrap the meat and hang it where the mice can not reach it. The pepper may be omitted from the cure and applied with the sorghum.

Inquiry Ordered into Krenning Case Reports.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, January 5.—The Department of Justice will investigate the source of reports said to have been circulated by friends of District Attorney Oliver of St. Louis to the effect that the department would order a dismissal of the disloyalty charge against H. B. Krenning, of St. Louis, former president of the Durbin Motor Car Co. Those circulating the reports have said Oliver was in favor of prosecuting the Krenning case vigorously, but that influence brought to bear on the Department of Justice would cause a dismissal of the case over Oliver's head.

Oliver, it was learned to-day, will be asked to make a statement regarding this matter, and in regard to the dismissal of the cases of John E. Franklin and Charles S. Marsh, president and secretary of the defunct Bankers' Trust Co. They are charged with using the mails to defraud, in the promotion of the company.

When the Franklin-Marsh dismissal was entered December 10, Oliver stated to the court that the action was taken on the advice of the Department of Justice in Washington. He said to a Post-Dispatch reporter that he had made a report and recommendations, at the department's request, and had reported that he considered the evidence sufficient to prosecute the case successfully. He knew, he added, that "several persons had interested themselves in the case in Washington."

The department asked Oliver nearly three weeks ago, for a report on the Krenning case, but has not yet received such a report. The request was made after Morton Jourdan, St. Louis lawyer-politician, and Jephtha D. Howe, former Republican boss of St. Louis, had called at the department in an attempt to get the Krenning case dismissed without a court hearing.

The situation which has developed in St. Louis regarding the Krenning case was laid before Attorney-General Gregory by the Post-Dispatch correspondent here. Gregory, after inquiry among his subordinates, gave the following statement to the Post-Dispatch:

"I have seen the wire from St. Louis, signed 'Post-Dispatch,' addressed to 'Albert, Washington,' and relating to the Krenning case. Two St. Louis attorneys of Krenning recently called at the department and made a statement of their views in behalf of their client. This statement has been referred to the United States Attorney at St. Louis with a request for a statement of his views. The Attorney General has not ordered the indictment dismissed, and the views of the United States Attorney asked for have not been received."

The new request which will be made of Oliver for a statement about the new phase of the Krenning case and about the Franklin-Marsh case is independent of the earlier request for a report on the legal merits of the Krenning case.

The Attorney-General, it was learned, is unwilling to have an issue created between his department and one of its attorneys, but he will not permit intimations of any undue influence in the department's affairs to go unchallenged.

District Attorney Oliver, when asked yesterday if he had sent to Wash-

ington his recommendation in the Krenning case replied that he had not, but that it was in the course of preparation.

He would not state what his recommendation would be, but he said: "The only thing I have to say about the Krenning case for publication is that as far as I am concerned it is a case for vigorous prosecution."

Children No Exception.

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Expect Grasshoppers Next Summer.

Owing to a dry winter which permitted the grasshopper eggs to live through and hatch out in the spring, the grasshopper damage in some parts of Missouri was high last year. The United States Department of Agriculture has issued a warning to the effect that grasshoppers may be numerous in this state next year. In places they have stripped portions of early wheat and rye.

T. J. Taibert of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture suggests that farmers may begin fighting the next crop of grasshoppers during the present winter. The grasshoppers lay eggs in the hard ground along the fence rows, in neglected fields, and pastures. Mr. Taibert suggests that if such land is to be cultivated next year, it should be plowed this winter or in early spring. This will expose the eggs to freezing weather. If it is not desirable to plow the pastures, many of the eggs may be destroyed by disking. Such measures will be most effective in regions where the hoppers were troublesome last year. Poison bran mash, which is scattered in the fields where grasshoppers are destroying the crop, has been effective in controlling them. Farmers who expect to use this method next summer may obtain the formula for preparing the mash by addressing the College of Agriculture, Columbia, Mo.

Wanted Rev. Scruggs to Perform Ceremony.

(Fredericktown Tribune.)

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Albright wondered why they went to Cape Girardeau to be married. This is the way the Cape Girardeau Republican explains it:

In order to be married by their favorite minister, on Christmas Eve, William G. Albright and Miss Mintye A. Hill of Fredericktown took a long trip to Cape Girardeau by train and automobile late Monday afternoon and evening and faced the Rev. J. Pendleton Scruggs of the First Baptist Church at his residence at 9:30 o'clock for the ceremony.

That night they spent in Cape Girardeau and Christmas Day returned home to celebrate the day of all days in the bliss of new wedlock with their folks at home. They had been sweethearts for two or three years, possible longer, and it was written in the books of their friends that the ceremony was likely to happen most any time.

Albright is a hardware merchant. He has lived at Fredericktown many years and is successful in business and a leader in the social life of the town. His bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hill, well to do farmer folks living near Fredericktown.

When Rev. Scruggs was stationed at Fredericktown as pastor of the Baptist church they were regular attendants at his services. When they decided to wed they argued it out before the Hill fire place that he must be the pastor to marry them and so they set out the day before Christmas to find him.

No Difference. She—"Don't you think you ought at least to make enough money to support me?" He—"It wouldn't make any difference; even then I couldn't support you."—Life.

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OUR PUBLIC FORUM

VII.—Hon. Elihu Root On Woman's Sphere



Hon. Elihu Root

The question of Woman Suffrage is an issue before the American people. Twelve states have adopted it, four more states vote upon it this fall and it is strongly urged that it become a platform demand of the national political parties. It is therefore the privilege and the duty of every voter to study carefully this subject. Hon. Elihu Root, in discussing this question before the Constitutional Convention of New York, recently said in part:

"I am opposed to the granting of suffrage to women, because I believe that it would be a loss to women, to all women and to every woman; and because I believe it would be an injury to the State, and to every man and woman in the State. It would be useless to argue the right of suffrage were a natural right. If it were a natural right, then women should have it though the heavens fall. But if there be any one thing settled in the long discussion of this subject, it is that suffrage is not a natural right, but is simply a means of government, and the sole question to be discussed is whether government by the suffrage of men and women will be better government than by the suffrage of men alone."

Into my judgment, sir, there enters no element of the inferiority of woman. It is not that woman is inferior to man, but it is that woman is different from man; that in the distribution of powers, of capacities, of qualities, our Maker has created man adapted to the performance of certain functions in the economy of nature and society, and woman adapted to the performance of other functions.

Woman rules today by the sweet and noble influences of her character. Put woman into the arena of conflict and she abandons these great weapons which control the world, and she takes into her hands, feeble and nerveless for strife, weapons with which she is unfamiliar and which she is unable to wield. Woman in strife becomes hard, harsh, unlovable, repulsive; as far removed from that gentle creature to whom we all owe allegiance and to whom we confess submission, as the heaven is removed from the earth.

The whole science of government is the science of protecting life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In the divine distribution of powers, the duty and the right of protection rests with the male. It is so throughout nature. It is so with men, and I, for one, will never consent to part with the divine right of protecting my wife, my daughter, the women whom I love, and the women whom I respect, exercising the birthright of man, and place that high duty in the weak and nerveless hands of those designed by God to be protected rather than to engage in the stern warfare of government. In my judgment, this whole movement arises from a false conception of the duty and of the right of both men and women.

The time will never come when the line of demarcation between the functions of the two sexes will be broken down. I believe it to be false philosophy to believe that it is an attempt to turn backward upon the line of social development, and that if the step ever be taken, we go centuries backward on the march towards a higher, a nobler and a purer civilization, which must be found not in the confusion, but in the higher differentiation of the sexes."

Weather Report.

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, December 25, 1917:

Days of Week.	Day of Month.	Temperature		Precipitation
		Highest	Lowest	
Wednesday	19	48	39	
Thursday	20	58	34	
Friday	21	41	38	
Saturday	22	47	24	
Sunday	23	56	33	
Monday	24	63	52	T
Tuesday	25	28	21	.40

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation. W. H. DELANO, Observer.



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Fresh Greens for the Canary. Canaries are very fond of lettuce, celery tops and other young and tender greens, as all birdlovers know. When the birdman tells us we must not give these things to our pets too frequently the temptation to go contrary to advice is strong, for we sympathize keenly. An accident showed me the way to gratify our pets without harm to them, as experience has proven. Some months since a little birdseed was spilled on the earth in a large tub containing a rubber plant. Soon these seeds sprouted, and we hit upon the idea of removing the bottom from the cage and setting it over the young sprouts. The joy the canaries found in their greens, and the consequent discovery that the birds were really gaining in health and song convinced us that a box of sprouting birdseed was the thing to keep on hand for them.—Exchange.

Oyster Cheap Food.

Only the sea herring can equal the oyster in cash value as a product of the sea. This is partly because they are so palatable and partly because they are so inexpensive. A pint can usually be purchased for 25 cents on the coast and a nourishing stew for several persons can be made of a pint of oysters. The North Atlantic ocean produces more oysters than are to be found in the oyster beds of all other countries, but oyster farming is a profitable industry in many lands. The mid-Atlantic coast is particularly noted for its oysters.

Daily Thought.

The strongest man in the world is the man who stands most alone.

"Two Bottles Cured"

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. F. H. Kincaid, of Hillsboro, Ohio. She says: "I had a break-down, worn and dragged-out feeling, no appetite. I did not rest well, and it just seemed like an effort for me to move... I suffered quite a good deal with my back... I had the doctors and told them I was going to take Cardui. They said all right, a building tonic was what I needed, and to take it... Two bottles 'cured' me, and it was surprising how much I gained."

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